

REMARKS

The indication that claims 1 - 8, 11 and 12 are allowed and that claims 15 and 16 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, claims 10, 13 and 14, the only claims under rejection in this application, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and objected to claim 15 has been written in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the parent claim 13 therein. Thus, applicants submit that claim 15 should now be in condition for allowance. Since objected to claim 16 depends from claim 15, claim 16 has been retained in dependent form and should be considered to be in condition for allowance with parent claim 15.

Also, by the present amendment, the specification, at page 37, has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter by now reciting, setting forth as shown in Figs. 11 and 12, that the light unit 220 is disposed within a protective space surrounded by the handle grip 210C and the body 210, such that applicants submit that antecedent basis has now been provided for the claimed subject matter of claim 15, as rewritten in independent form, and the objection to the specification should now be overcome.

As to the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Osenbruggen (US 2002/0131267 A1); the rejection of claim 13 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Davis (US 6,565,227 B1); and the rejection of claim 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Osenbruggen (US 2002/0131267 A1) in view of Huang (US 5,412,546), such rejections are considered to be obviated by the cancellation of claims 10, 13 and 14 without prejudice or


disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Accordingly, a discussion of the cited art in relation to such claims is considered unnecessary.

Since only claims indicated as being allowed or objected to which have now been placed in proper form for allowance, and the specification has been amended as discussed above, applicants submit that this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1297.43994X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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